

astrological

Age of Pisces

Astrological Age

The zodiac refers to a band of the celestial sphere on either side of the path of the sun. By watching the sun travel through the zodiac, early astronomers believed they could predict seasonal events like the flooding of the Nile. Others began to believe that the changing of the night sky controlled or predicted a variety of events on earth such as the destinies or actions of individuals, groups, or nations. This belief, known as astrology, originated in Mesopotamia in the 3rd millennium B.C.E., fully developed during the Hellenistic period of Greek civilization, and spread to cultures as far as ancient China and India.

Astrology divided the zodiac into 12 equal parts called signs, each 30 degrees wide, bearing the name of a constellation for which it was originally named and defined by the constellation in which the sun appears at the vernal equinox. In addition to its diurnal rotation upon its axis, the earth slowly shifts approximately one degree every 70 years. Therefore, since each sign of the zodiac subtends approximately 30 degrees, each astrological age might be thought to last roughly 2,100 years (70×30) and all 12 signs of the zodiac last about 25,200 years (a Great Sidereal Year). Astrologers believe the Age of Pisces began around the 5th century and the Age of Aquarius will begin about 2600. Considering that the Age of Pisces approximately began during the birth of Christ, it is believed that it will be known as The Age of Christianity. Coincidentally, the Age of Aries lasted from approximately 2400 B.C.E. to 200 B.C.E., which was essentially the span of time of ancient Egypt.

Astronomy: If the age of Aquarius is when that constellation will contain the vernal equinox, about how many years away from now is the Age of Aquarius?

- W) 600
- X) 1,200
- Y) 11,000
- Z) 16,000

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11	12 Charles Darwin's Birthday Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Galileo's Birthday	16	17
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